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"AN ACT CONCERNING STOLEN MILITARY VALOR AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Section 27-118 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):
- 5 When any veteran dies, not having sufficient estate to pay the
- 6 necessary expenses of [his] the veteran's last sickness and burial, as
- 7 determined by the commissioner after consultation with the probate
- 8 court for the district in which the veteran resided, the state shall pay
- 9 the sum of [one hundred fifty] one thousand eight hundred dollars
- 10 toward such funeral expenses, and the burial shall be in some
- 11 cemetery or plot not used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead,
- 12 and the same amount shall be paid if the body is cremated, but no
- 13 amount shall be paid for the expenses for burial or cremation unless

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claim therefor is made within one year from the date of death, [; provided,] except that in cases of death occurring abroad, such claim may be made within one year after the remains of such veteran have been interred in this country. No provision of this section shall prevent the payment of the sum above named for the burial of any person, otherwise entitled to the same, on account of such burial being made outside the limits of this state. Upon satisfactory proof by the person who has paid or provided for the funeral or burial expense to the commissioner of the identity of the deceased, the time and place of [his] the deceased's death and burial and the approval thereof by the commissioner, said sum of [one hundred fifty] one thousand eight <u>hundred</u> dollars shall be paid by the Comptroller to the person who has paid the funeral or burial expense or, upon assignment by such person, to the funeral director who has provided the funeral. Whenever the Comptroller has lawfully paid any sum toward the expenses of the burial of any deceased veteran and it afterwards appears that the deceased left any estate, the Comptroller may present a claim in behalf of the state against the estate of such deceased veteran for the sum so paid, and the claim shall be a preferred claim against such estate and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the state. The commissioner, upon the advice of the Attorney General, may make application for administration upon the estate of any such deceased veteran if no other person authorized by law makes such application within sixty days after such payment has been made by the Comptroller."

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